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Marginal Column

By ZEV LAQUEUR

THE conference of the World Peace Movement recently concluded in the Finnish capital will probably not enter history as an event of world-shaking importance. The partisans of peace have been on the wane for some time now and Ilya Ehrenburg complained on the eve of the Helsinki meeting that this front organization had not succeeded in attracting British Labour (not even the Bevanites), German Social Democrats or other oppositional elements in the West, and that it was therefore failing to meet its tasks.—For the astonishing of fellow travellers from the bourgeois camp and spineless pacifists to be found in Helsinki was submerged by staunch party-liners. And if Bertrand Russell sent a letter to Helsinki outlining a practical programme for disarmament, the partisans in charge mismanaged the whole affair by heartlessly thing document and suitably "editing" it; Lord Russell will be wary in future of writing such letters.

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THE Editor of the "New Statesman," now on his way to the Soviet Capital — presumably to ask for a correction of the definition of his weekly given in the last volume of the Soviet Cyclopedia (pro-imperialist, reactionary etc.) — found the attitude "wonderfully changed" since the last time he visited such a conference. No vitriolic attacks but only sweet reasonableness all around. But Mr. Kingsley-Martin too knows by now that the leading "partisans" are very versatile gentlemen: They can speak and write both in the "Fascist beasts" and the "Democratic friends" style and broadly speaking perform any role that is demanded. The important thing to know is of course what will be demanded from them in the near future.

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A HINT was thrown out by the French "partisan of peace," M. Pierre Cot, and since repeated by several other unofficial Communist spokesmen, to wit, that Russia had nothing against 12 German divisions — provided these forces were not linked up with NATO or any other Western alliance. Now this may come as a shock to some of the more gullible gentlemen who participated in the recent Jewish conference against German rearmament in Paris. But it is really not an altogether revolutionary venture in Soviet policy. For as far back as 1951/2 Moscow proposed that a united Germany should be permitted to have armed forces.

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WHY should Russia not care in particular about an independent German army though she is so concerned about the same German forces if linked with the Western alliance? Some military and political observers think that the answer is provided by the new military policy of the West, which tends to base Western defence on so-called conventional forces with tactical atomic weapons. These weapons have the supreme advantage for the Western side, Denis Healey, M.P., the Labour Party's foreign policy expert, recently pointed out in a much discussed article, that they give defence a clear advantage over attack — exactly the opposite of thermonuclear weapons. For an army with tactical atomic weapons should be able to hold an enemy many times its own size on such a limited front as Central Europe, where the Russians would be unable to mass the heavy concentration of troops which is their trump card at present. German armed forces within the framework of such an alliance would indeed be able to play a major, probably decisive part as far as the defence of Central Europe is concerned, in any war short of a thermo-nuclear one — which the Russians wish to prevent as much as everybody else. Outside the Western defence set-up, on the other hand, German armed forces would be militarily insignificant.

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AS Russia has apparently not yet found the answer to a Western strategy based not on the H-bomb but on conventional forces equipped with tactical atomic weapons, her policy on Germany certainly makes sense — from her point of view, of course. The offer of an independent "national" German army will, it seems, officially be made during Dr. Adenauer's visit in Moscow at the latest, and it may prove irresistible to right-wing nationalist circles in West Germany, who resent the fact that in a Western defence alliance their forces would be subordinate to officers of other nations. To come out against the idea of a "national German army" may be Dr. Adenauer's greatest ordeal so far.

London, July 9.

USSR Appeals For Revival of Big 4 Collaboration

LONDON, Saturday (UP).—Moscow Radio today appealed for a revival of cooperation between the West and Russia, and expressed the hope that a start can be made at Geneva.

"Collaboration between the great powers bearing the main responsibility for the preservation of peace is possible and bears good fruit," the broadcast declared. It recalled that this was the case in the war years when the great powers, "despite their differing political and state systems, fought shoulder-to-shoulder to destroy the worst enemy of mankind — Hitlerism."

It warned, however, that there are "sinister interests...who support the notorious policy of strength" and are seeking to sabotage East-West understanding, and named the U.S. Senate minority leader, Mr. William Knowland, and his supporters among the "enemies of peace."

The broadcast came as experts of the U.S., Britain and France were meeting in Paris to knock into final shape the joint blueprint their leaders will follow at the Big Four meeting starting July 18. The agreed blueprint is understood to deal with German unity, world disarmament and European security.

At Chequers, Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden's official residence outside London, the British leader was host to the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru. The Indian leader, who recently visited Moscow was reported to have shared with Sir Anthony and Foreign Minister Harold Macmillan his impression that the Soviet Union genuinely wants to end the cold war.

Meanwhile, it was announced in Washington that President Eisenhower, accompanied by Mrs. Eisenhower, will leave for Geneva next Friday night. They will arrive at the site of the conference on Saturday.

4 Held in Hungary On Suspicion of Spying

VIENNA, Saturday (UP). — Hungary today announced the arrest in Budapest of the United Press and Associated Press correspondents, as well as two employees of the American Legation there. All four are Hungarian citizens.

The correspondents are Mr. Endre Martin (AP) and his wife, Dr. Ilona Nyilas. The two U.S. Legation employees were named as Mr. Balint Sapasi and Cornelius Balas. An official communique of the Ministry of Interior said they were arrested on suspicion of "working for a long time for the American secret service." It said investigations are continuing.

The dates on which they were taken into custody were not announced. However, the U.S. State Department had delivered a note to the Hungarian Government in Budapest last Saturday protesting the arrest of Mr. Balas.

Mid-East Blocs Only Cause Tension: 'Pravda'

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — "Who is a threat to the security in the Near and Middle East?" is the title of an article published in today's "Pravda," according to TASS, the Soviet news agency.

"The Pakistani Government's declared intention to join the Turkish-Iraqi-British military alliance came soon after the U.S. official notification that they would join the Baghdad Pact in the near future," "Pravda" said.

But the pact and its broadening have nothing to do with the preservation of peace in the Middle East and is not in accordance with the national interests of the countries concerned. "The imperialist policy of setting up military blocs will inevitably increase international tension and make impossible normal relations between the countries," the paper concluded.

'Dangerous' Talking To U.S. Newsmen: U Nu

DETROIT, Saturday. — Premier U Nu of Burma said yesterday that he would answer no more questions on China. "The more I meet with you, the more I begin to feel it is dangerous to answer questions," he told reporters at a press conference.

He said he did not wish to "destroy the great bond of friendship between the U.S. and Burma." U Nu had said in New York on Wednesday that he thought "most of the responsible people" in Washington were not against the admission of China to the U.N. Some members of Congress objected to this remark.

The Premier said, "My answers may be too blunt. With my command of English, they may convey certain meanings I do not want."

Communists Blamed As Fighting Flares in Laos

PARIS, Saturday (Reuter). — Trouble in Laos, one of the three Indo-China states, flared up again today as the pro-Communist and anti-Communist forces blamed each other for violations of the Geneva Armistice Agreement signed last July.

The French News Agency reported from Vientiane, the administrative capital of Laos, that the Royal Laotian Government today accused the Communists in neighbouring North Vietnam of open and direct complicity in the activities of the pro-Communist Pathet Lao forces in Laos.

A communique said a strong complaint would shortly be made to the International Armistice Commission composed of India, Canada and Poland about last Thursday's alleged attack by Pathet Lao forces on Government positions.

North Vietnam radio charged that the Royal Laotian Government had sent an entire battalion to infiltrate the Muong Peum area, reinforce Royal troops there, and attack Pathet Lao forces controlling neighbouring areas.

It said these "grave acts" had been committed "with a view to carrying out the U.S. plot to undermine the Armistice Agreement."

It was reported from Saigon that the underground Communist organization in South Vietnam today urged everybody in Saigon except Americans to stop work and desert the streets tomorrow to protest against the policy of the U.S. and Prime Minister Ngo Dinh Diem. Leaflets asked for pressure to be put on Diem to start talks with the Government of north Vietnam on elections to reunite the partitioned state next year.

The appeal is believed to be the first open move in the struggle between Diem and the strong Communist underground there.

In London, a Foreign Office spokesman said today that the British Government was "deeply concerned" about the fighting which had broken out in Northern Laos. He said he had received a report from its diplomatic mission in Laos on the fighting, confirming the Laotian Government statement accusing the Pathet Lao of initiating the clash.

A State Department spokesman in Washington said that the Communist attacks are especially serious, coming on the eve of the Big Four conference in Geneva.

Tunisians Hail Home Rule Ratification

PARIS, Saturday (Reuter). — Tunisian leaders today warmly welcomed the ratification of the Franco-Tunisian home rule agreements by the National Assembly as a sign of French confidence in her North African protectorate.

The Assembly today approved the conventions providing internal autonomy for Tunisia by the overwhelming majority of 540 to 43 votes.

The Tunisian Premier, Tahar Ben Ammar, who attended the debate, said later that the vote "constitutes in our view, an act of French confidence towards Tunisia. It has profoundly moved us."

Neo Destour (Nationalist) leader Habib Bourguiba, in Paris for dental treatment, said the vote bore witness to the Assembly's wise understanding of the problems.

Approval of the Franco-Tunisian accords by the Assembly was assured last night when Communist deputies announced their support.

During the debate, former Premier Pierre Mendes-France warmly recommended approval of the conventions, and denounced the "pessimism" of those who believe that force was the only way to enforce the French presence in the territory.

12 Communist Leaders Arrested in Algeria

CONSTANTINE, Saturday (Reuter). — French police today swooped down on the homes of Communist Party leaders in Constantine, centre of terrorist-ridden eastern Algeria, and seized 12 men.

Eight European leaders were handed an order from the Prefect banning them from the Constantine department under the emergency regulations. Four Moslems, including three Constantine Municipal Councillors, were placed under surveillance in a detention camp.

Einstein-Russell Statement Warns Against Atomic War

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — The British philosopher, Mr. Bertrand Russell said today that he is bringing a solemn warning against the perils of nuclear war, signed by Albert Einstein and seven other scientists of world fame "to the notice of all the powerful governments of the world."

The warning, which Professor Albert Einstein signed just before he died on April 18, said, "Here, then, is the problem which we present to you, stark and dreadful, and inescapable: Shall we put an end to the human race or shall mankind renounce war?"

The 83-year-old Bertrand Russell, who rarely uses his aristocratic title of Earl, presented the scientists' declaration to a London hall crowded with correspondents today.

The statement said, "In view of the fact that in any future war nuclear weapons will certainly be employed, and that such weapons threaten the continued existence of mankind, we urge the governments of the world to realise, and to acknowledge publicly, that their purposes cannot be furthered by a world war, and we urge them, consequently, to find peaceful means for settlement of all matters of disputes between them.

"Remember humanity and forget the rest. If you can do so, the way lies open to a new paradise; if you cannot, there lies before you the risk of universal death."

Earl Russell told correspondents that he had collaborated with Einstein in drafting the statement. He had since approached scientists in the East and the West, "they have not yet replied."

Scientists from all over the world will meet in London on August 3 to discuss the perils of nuclear warfare in response to the appeal.

The eight scientists who signed the statement, most of them physicists or geneticists, included Professor Leopold Infeld, of the University of Warsaw, and an avowed Communist, M. Frederic Joliot-Curie, one-time head of the French atomic energy commission.

Of those contacted by Lord Russell, several declined to sign. Among them were Denmark's Professor Niels Bohr (who said no attention was paid to his own letter by the United Nations), a German, Professor Otto Hahn, and Professor Max Born, German-born British subject, each of whom wished to back his own scheme, and Professor Wolfgang Pauli, of Switzerland, who did not believe that a conference of scientists would be effective.

Soviet Academician Skobeltzyn also declined to sign because he wanted a congress to elaborate the main theses of Dr. Otto Hahn and the three European physicist — Wolfgang Pauli, Niels Bohr and Max Born.

FORMOSAN JETS HIT BRITISH SHIP

HONG KONG, Saturday (Reuter). — The Royal Navy announced here tonight that two Thunderjets this morning bombed and machinegunned the British ship Inchwells in the Min River estuary, leading to the port of Foochow. An official report said the two jets belonged to the Nationalists.

The master of the 1,866-ton British ship reported his ship suffered slight damage but there were no casualties. The ship is continuing to Shanghai, the official statement revealed. The planes which attacked at 11 a.m. were patrolling close to the nearby Matsu Islands.

FRENCH CONSUL QUITS MOSLEM YOUTH SESSION

CAIRO, Saturday (Reuter).—The French Consul, Mr. Andre Brenac, walked out of a Moslem Youth Congress at Port Said yesterday in protest against a speech by a young Algerian.

The speaker attacked French policy in North Africa and called on Moslem youth to support the "struggle for independence."

British Colonial Secretary Confers With Makarios

By IRIS K. RUSSELL
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NICOSIA, Saturday. — History was made in the "Bridge Room" of the luxurious Ledra Palace hotel here this evening when the British Colonial Secretary, Mr. A. Lennox Boyd, and Archbishop Makarios met to exchange views on the Cyprus issue. During most of the meeting, which lasted two hours, Makarios held the floor, outlining the Cypriot people's case for self-determination. Officially nothing was said about the meeting except that Cyprus had been discussed.

Before the meeting, the Conference site was kept a closely-guarded secret. To keep newsmen off the scent, police announced earlier that they were closing all roads leading to the 13th century St. Hilarion castle, 10 kms. outside of this city. Immediate speculation was that the meeting would be held there and many rushed to the castle and waited for hours.

Strict Security Measures

Back in Nicosia, police and plainclothes detectives threw a network of security around the hotel. One hour before the meeting was due to begin, detectives combed the hotel and all furniture was removed from the plush card room except a round carved table and six comfortable chairs.

The Secretary of State, the Under-Secretary, Sir John Martin, and the Cyprus Governor, Sir Robert Armitage, arrived at 5 p.m. sharp and Archbishop Makarios arrived a few minutes later. While the conference lasted a "telephone blackout" was imposed by security men on the hotel's exchange.

In an address to the people over the Government radio tonight, the Colonial Secretary, who had arrived this morning, said that he was very happy that the news of the tripartite talks in London had reduced tension here, and assured Cypriots that his visit was not only in connection with constitutional matters but also other urgent issues such as economic problems.

SOLH FORMS NEW LEBANESE CABINET

The Lebanese Prime Minister, Sami e-Solh last night announced the completion of a new Cabinet, according to Beirut Radio. The announcement came a little more than 24 hours after the resignation of his former Ministry on Friday following a bitter dispute between the Premier and his Foreign Minister, Alfred Naccache, at a Cabinet session.

Naccache had submitted his resignation a fortnight ago in protest against the constant intervention of parliamentary deputies and other high personalities in the question of appointments to Lebanon's foreign service posts.

The resignation of the Cabinet on Friday was attributed to the clash of personalities between the Prime Minister and Naccache.

Syrians Demonstrate Against Foreign Pacts

DAMASCUS, Saturday. — Thousands of shouting demonstrators gathered in Omayad Mosque today denouncing foreign alliances and the Turco-Iraqi pact.

The demonstrators, mostly Socialists and Communists, were sealed off by police reinforcements and no incidents were reported.

Brigadier Shawkat Shukeir, the Syrian Army Chief of Staff, today denied Lebanese press reports that a number of high officers in the Syrian Army had been arrested following an unsuccessful attempt to stage a coup against the present regime.

The report said the abortive coup had been planned by pro-Iraqi officers, of whom 16 were arrested.

Meanwhile, the Near Arab Broadcasting Station, quoting a report of its Baghdad correspondent, said yesterday that the U.S. has informed Iraq that it will join the Turco-Iraqi pact this autumn. The report added that official Iraqi circles are convinced that by that time Iran will have acceded to the pact.

(UP, Reuter)

Expert Amazed at Israel Cotton

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — "It's the most amazing cotton-growing country in the world — twice as good as California." "Never seen anything like it in my 30 years of cotton-growing," was the verdict of Mr. Sam Hamburg, the Californian cotton farmer who introduced the crop here three years ago, after a country-wide survey of the areas.

On his 17th visit here in three years, a month and a half before the picking season begins, Mr. Hamburg told *The Jerusalem Post* that this year's crop would cover all the needs of the home textile industry. Calling agriculturalists here "crepe-hangers" because of their cautious estimates, he said "We'll make it next year and that's definite."

He attributed the bumper crop to the perfect growing and climatic conditions. The crop here, he said, flowered five weeks earlier than that of California. He praised in glowing terms the quality of the crop as "superior out of all proportions to the U.S." There will be a sure export market for the variety of cotton being grown here, he stated, adding that California, growing the same strain, cannot furnish the demanded quantity. Cotton in the south will pay for the Negev irrigation pipeline, he declared. He was particularly enthusiastic about the cooperative cultivation of *moshavim* "growing wonderful crops, where before there was wasteland."

Mr. Hamburg attended a meeting of the newly set-up Cotton Board consisting of farmers, textile industrialists and Ministry of Agriculture officials. Yesterday he participated in the laying of the cornerstone of a ginning mill at the site of the proposed new town, Kiryat Gat, in the Lachish development area. Leaving the country on Tuesday, he declared that he would return in 60 days for the picking season.

Sharett, B.G. Pledge Free Passage to Eilat

Pledges to secure the freedom of the sea approach to Eilat were made on Friday by the Prime Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, and the Minister of Defence, Mr. David Ben-Gurion. Speaking at Rehovot, the Prime Minister said that Israel would assure by force the freedom of the sea approach if all our "peaceful negotiations failed to lift the blockade." Mr. Ben-Gurion said that he would consider it of primary importance for the country's future to build a port at Eilat and ensure freedom of passage "if necessary with the help of the Israel Navy, Airforce and Army."

B.G. at Beersheba

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA, Saturday. — Mr. David Ben-Gurion, Minister of Defence, promised here to do everything in his power "to bring water and youth to the South" and to assure the freedom of passage from Eilat to Asia and Africa.

Mr. Ben-Gurion delivered an election speech to a Mapai-sponsored open air meeting — attended by nearly 5,000 people, nearly all of them local residents. It was the first of a series of speeches he is expected to deliver in the coming fortnight. He was introduced to the audience by the Mayor, Mr. David Tuviyahu. In the whole of his speech, Mr. Ben-Gurion did not mention any rival parties.

Intimating that "there was a likelihood" of his being asked to form a government, Mr. Ben-Gurion said that he would consider it of primary importance for the country's future to "bring water and youth from the North to the Negev." The port of Eilat would also be built and the freedom of passage to the Indian Ocean assured, "if necessary with the help of the Israel navy, air force and the army."

Railway to Eilat

The opening of Eilat, however, could not be achieved unless there was a chain of agricultural settlements between Beersheba, Eilat and Ein Geddi, Mr. Ben-Gurion warned. The security of this country, he added, could be summarized in two words: "all southwards."

Mr. Ben-Gurion also said that in the next five or ten years this country may witness the birth of new sources of energy. Already Israel scientists were busy in developing atomic energy, so as to provide cheap power for distilling sea water for irrigation. The railway, which is soon to reach Beersheba, will have Eilat as its terminal, he added.

Sharett at Rehovot

Jerusalem Post Reporter

REHOVOT, Saturday. — Prime Minister Sharett warned that Israel would assure by force the freedom of the sea approach to Eilat "should our enemies fail to respond to our efforts through international channels and peaceful negotiations to lift their blockade."

Mr. Sharett was speaking at an election meeting held by Mapai here last night. It was almost his only reference to foreign affairs, although he mentioned that several important issues of foreign policy were still outstanding. Most of the speech was devoted to polemics with rival parties, mainly the General Zionists and Ahdut Ha'avoda. More than 2,000 persons heard the Prime Minister at the local Histadrut house, frequently showing their approval by long and loud applause.

Mr. Sharett warned the electors that they should not be misled by assertions of Ahdut Ha'avoda leaders that they would join the government after the elections. "Every new issue of "Lamerhav" makes the chances of Ahdut Ha'avoda smaller and smaller," Mr. Sharett said. That party, he added, was squinting in two directions — towards Mapam and Herut. Mapam, he added, were waiting for a day when immigration "from certain quarters" would bring about a political change in this country — when they would vie with the Communists for the title "true Communists."

Mr. Sharett divided the parties into three categories: (a) those which had no chance whatsoever of forming a government; (b) those which could join a coalition in the role of an accessory; and (c) the party ("for there is only one such party at the moment") which was able to shoulder responsibility and form a cabinet either by itself or in coalition with other parties. Mapai, though a Labour party, had the interest of all in mind.

Change in System

To achieve a stable, efficient, responsible government, a change in the electoral system was needed, Mr. Sharett said. The brand of democracy which was being practised here was "obsolete." It brought about such occurrences as were witnessed in the Jerusalem Municipal Council recently. A system of elections by constituencies might reduce the number of parties to three or four, and the leaders of these parties would know that they could not make empty promises.

The General Zionists, he said, proved "immature for democratic and coalition government." Their interests were local. They attacked Labour's economic enterprises, which came into being largely when many doors were shut to the Jewish worker. At present, the economy of this country is such that it would collapse should the Labour sector be eliminated by decree.

U.S. Arms Aid To Mid-East Not Cut

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — The House Appropriations Committee yesterday allotted for defence support the full amounts requested for Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.

The Committee recommended a 30 per cent cut ($627.9m.) in funds requested by President Eisenhower to finance the foreign aid programme. Submitting the $2,638.7m. bill for debate next week, it complained of a chaotic fiscal situation in the military part of the programme.

Funds provided in the bill are for use during the fiscal year which began on July 1. They will supplement an estimated $8,717.1m. in unexpended balances from previous appropriations. The biggest cut imposed by the committee was $430m. from the $1,125m. requested for military assistance. The $705m. approved the Committee said, should prove adequate for requirements of the programme during the year.

For development assistance (economic aid for underdeveloped countries) the Committee recommended the $70m. requested for the Middle East and Africa. Other recommendations: $1m. for aid to refugees from East European countries, and $60m. for the Palestine refugees programme.

U.N. Chief Optimistic About Gaza Parleys

UNITED NATIONS, Saturday. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold said yesterday he was still optimistic about the outcome of present Israel-Egyptian talks on security arrangements in the Gaza Strip. He told a press conference at U.N. Headquarters that the talks had taken a turn for the better.

He said latest developments had justified the hopes he had expressed a week ago. "We got the talks started, we got around the corner of the Agenda, and we got a first approach to practical measures."

The Secretary-General said last week that he refused to believe that the talks would end in failure, and added that it was essential to have a successful outcome as a demonstration of the goodwill of the governments concerned.

Mr. Hammarskjold was scheduled to leave today for Geneva where he will attend the summer session of the U.N. Economic and Social Council, and make himself "available" for the "summit talks" of the Big Four leaders on July 18, and complete final preparations for the "atoms-for-peace" conference on August 8 to 20.

Mr. Hammarskjold replied in the negative when asked if Egypt's sudden change in attitude in agreeing to the agenda proposed by Gen. E.L.M. Burns was due to moves made at U.N. Headquarters. *(Reuter, UP)*

Arabs Seek Prevention Of Thai-Israel Link

The Arab states are now seeking to prevent Thailand's full recognition of Israel, according to the NEARS correspondent in Baghdad yesterday.

Israel is First To Sign Accord With New I.C.A.

WASHINGTON, Saturday (INA). — Israel was the first nation to sign an economic aid agreement under the Mutual Security Programme, and thus initiated the increasingly popular policy of American economic aid on a repayment rather than a grant basis. This was announced on Friday by the new International Cooperation Administration, a semi-autonomous agency within the State Department which took over the functions of the Foreign Operations Administration on July 1.

During the fiscal year 1955, F.O.A. entered into agreements totalling $214,500,000 as loans to friendly nations cooperating with the Mutual Security Programme. Of the $40m. allotted to Israel for development, half was in the form of loans.

The I.C.A. Director, Mr. John Hollister, said that the desire of countries to receive U.S. economic assistance on a repayment basis rather than as grants reflects the strengthening of their economies.

Earlier, the I.C.A. announced authorizations totalling $3,152,812 for Israel, issued prior to June 30 by F.O.A. The authorizations are for the purchase and shipping of surplus U.S. agricultural commodities including bread grains, crude oil and petroleum products, soy beans, and industrial machinery.

Working on Johnston Plan

Mr. Cedric Seager, Near East Regional Director of the International Cooperation Administration, in testimony released today on the Mutual Security Appropriation, repeated the Eisenhower Administration stand that the Johnston plan for the distribution of Jordan River waters is the key to the settlement of the Arab-Israel dispute.

He testified that during the past year the U.S. has maintained services "to obtain an understanding for the division of the waters of the Jordan on an agreed basis for their storage, their control along economic lines, and for arrangements to insure their equitable distribution."

In his testimony before the House Appropriations Committee, Mr. Seager asserted that the signing of an agreement on the Jordan waters would "open up prospects for the rehabilitation of the refugee population and new areas for settlement in Transjordan." He said that the other countries in the area "look to the level of U.S. aid as a measure of our policy," and that till now figures for individual countries had been kept secret, "thus providing the Government maximum flexibility in the implementation of its programme."

He observed that the economic situation in Israel was "much improved." The German Reparations are providing funds for part of Israel's economic programme, but "U.S. aid is still required to maintain this development effort," he added.

Israelis Wounded In Gaza Clash, Cairo Says

According to Cairo sources, quoted by Reuter, an Israel party crossed the Gaza Strip border yesterday, fired at some Egyptian outposts and withdrew. There were no Egyptian casualties, but the sources thought a number of the Israel party were wounded.

The Israel Army spokesman had no knowledge of such an incident.

An Israel patrol on Thursday found the telephone line to Kisufim, in the Western Negev, torn out over a length of 40 metres, the Army spokesman announced. Tracks of infiltrators led to the border.

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Social & Personal

Mrs. Sarah Gertrude Millin, the South African novelist and historian, biographer of General Smuts, visited Ashkelon on Friday.

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A group of 20 members of the Council for Social Action in the U.S., headed by Mr. Roy Gibbons, visited the Hebrew University on Thursday.

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ARRIVALS: Rabbi Israel Friedman and Rabbi M. Rubins, to participate in the World Mizrachi Congress and the Bar Ilan University Inauguration; Mr. P. Tistelli, Aviation Adviser to the Ministry of Defence, after a month in Europe.

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DEPARTURES: Mr. Khin Maung Kywe, International Secretary of the All-Burma Students Union, after a 16-day visit as guest of Mapai youth.

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Mr. Arieh Ladislao Stern, Treasurer of the Dante Alighieri Society, Jerusalem, has been awarded a Diploma of Merit by the World Presidency of the Society in Rome.

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The Founders Meeting of the Herzliya-Kfar Shmaryahu Rotary Club took place last week at the Sharon Hotel. The speakers included the Administrative Adviser, Dr. E. Propper, Mr. I. Rokach, and Mr. M. Berman, President of the Natanya Rotary Club, who are the sponsor club. Mr. Hausman of Herzliya was elected President of the provisional club and Mr. A. Golani, Hon. Secretary.

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The Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, announces the promotion of four additional staff members to the rank of Senior Lecturer: Dr. D. Fox, Physics; M. Mittelman, Mechanics; Dr. O. Schnepp, Physical Chemistry; A. Zaslavsky, Structural Engineering.

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Friends from many parts of the country came to wish "many happy returns" to Mr. M.S. Dorot, Manager of the Dagon Hotel in Ashkelon, on Friday afternoon on the occasion of the hotel's first anniversary.

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BIRTH

LUNZER — To Helene (nee Rosenblum), wife of Henry S. Lunzer, at the Shaarei Zedek Hospital, Jerusalem on July 8, 1955 a daughter — Vardit Rivka.

EARLY BEERSHEBA SETTLER DIES

BEERSHEBA, Saturday. — Shaul Weisinger, one of the first citizens of post-war Beersheba, died here this evening, aged 52.

The deceased, a member of the National Executive of Likud, was a high-ranking police officer under the Mandate. After the War of Liberation, he became Deputy Military Governor of Beersheba. He was the owner of an ice factory here.

He leaves a wife, son and daughter.

SARA VOLCANI

REHOVOT, Saturday. — The death took place here yesterday of Sara Volcani, widow of Professor Eliezer Volcani who died last May. She was 68.

The cortege will leave from here at 1 p.m. tomorrow for Nahalal, were Mrs. Volcani will be laid to rest alongside her husband.

Lawyer Suspended For Coercion

The High Court on Friday upheld a decision of the Law Council calling for the one-month's suspension of a Tel Aviv lawyer for "conduct unbecoming his profession." The lawyer was found to have used coercion in attempting to reach a settlement for his client.

The lawyer, representing a woman claiming wages from the Finnish Charge d'Affaires for work done in his household, sent a letter to the diplomat, stating that if he did not settle the matter his household affairs would be made public.

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LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post July 10, 1955

In the Supreme Court Sitting As Court of Civil Appeals
Before the President (Justice Olshan), Justices Berinson and Witkon.

Morris Dayan, Appellant, v. Yaacov Abutbul, Respondent, (C.A. 62/52).

Loan May Be Proved By Oral Testimony

The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal against a judgment of the Haifa District Court delivered on March 3, 1952 (C.C.65/47).

The litigants are two Haifa residents who had been on friendly relations with each other for years, the appellant, Mr. Morris Dayan, being a merchant and the respondent, Mr. Yaacov Abutbul, a lawyer. The cause of the dispute was a cheque for IL1,000 which Mr. Abutbul gave Mr. Dayan on March 3, 1946. The former subsequently claimed that he had given the latter the cheque as a loan, whereas the latter claimed that the cheque had been in payment for a cash sum which he had lent the former.

The dispute came up in the Haifa District Court before Judge Shems who, on the strength of oral evidence — since the cheque itself revealed nothing — held that Mr. Abutbul had lent Mr. Dayan the money and not vice versa. The latter appealed against this decision to the Supreme Court, the main ground of appeal being that section 80 of the Ottoman Code of Civil Procedure lays down that all claims relating to the granting of loans must be proved by documentary evidence only.

Mr. Geiger appeared for the appellant, Mr. Toister for the respondent.

Judgment

The judgment of the Supreme Court was delivered by Justice Witkon who pointed out for the benefit of the layman who would be justifiably surprised that so fundamental a question — as to whether oral or documentary evidence was required — should still be a subject for dispute and should not have been settled by statute, that the only existing law on the subject was the Ottoman Code of Civil Procedure, for the interpretation of which the courts had to rely on various translations from the Turkish which did not always tally. In spite of numerous requests during the period of the Mandate, including a recommendation from the Privy Council, that the Ottoman Laws should be officially translated by the legislator, no such step had been taken, and until this day the courts are compelled to decipher and interpret laws which are not written in the language of the country nor in any language known to the majority of jurists in the country.

Justice Witkon then surveyed the various translations of section 80, including those of Yung, Hooper and that known as the Baghdad version in which contracts required to be proved by documentary evidence are divided into two kinds: 1. those which according to local custom are reduced to writing; and 2. all contracts or agreements relating to partnership, farming out of taxes and the granting of loans; he also referred to the translations of Salim Bey, an English translation prepared by the Mandatory Administration in 1919, and that of Lanado, according to all three of which section 80 should read as follows: "All claims relating to contracts, agreements, partnership, lease of taxes and loans, which according to law or local custom are reduced to writing must be proved by documentary evidence." In other words, according to the first version, all claims relating to loans must be proved by documentary evidence, whereas, in accordance with the second version, only such claims relating to contracts of loan which are legally or customarily reduced to writing must be proved by documentary evidence.

After this survey, Justice Witkon held that he would not have hesitated to accept the District Court's choice of the second version, in view of the fact that Judge Shems is an authority on Turkish, if it were not for the fact that during the Mandate and since the courts had unquestioningly used the first version. But since the actual problem of whether a contract of loan must be proved by documentary evidence only if it is customary to reduce the contract to writing had arisen for the first time in the present case before the Supreme Court, this court could now decide which of the two translations should be regarded as binding in the future.

Justice Witkon concluded that the second translation, although by no means structurally or terminologically perfect, should prevail as it was calculated to provide a juster solution not only in the present case but in the majority of cases, since hundreds and thousands of similar transactions were carried out without any written documents. In the opinion of the Court, the advantage of allowing oral evidence lies in the fact that it is the lesser of two evils; there is a much greater danger that a dishonest debtor would deny he had received a loan, despite the oral evidence against him, than that an unscrupulous would-be creditor would fake a claim and find a perjurer to collude with him.

The Court confirmed the decision of the District Court to allow oral evidence and dismissed the appeal, with IL100 costs.

Judgment given on June 23, 1955.

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Habimah, "King Lear," 8.30 p.m.

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6.00 a.m. Morning Programme (Haifa only). 6.30 Service, 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 9.00 Service from the Anglican Church Haifa. 10.30 Close Down.
12.00 N. "Music a Noon" (R). 12.30 Housewives' Corner. 12:50 Requests. (R). 1.20 Messages to Immigrants. 1.45 Songs of the People. 2.30 Close Down.
4.00 p.m. Music for Sunday (R). 4.40 Intermezzo at Piano. 5.00 Talmud Lesson. 5.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Folklore. 7.30 Opera. (Offenbach). 7.30 Talk. 7.40 What's New in Science. 7.55 Wells of Work. 8.15 Bible Reading. 8.45 I.P.O. Concert (R) "Hymn" (Partos); Israel Suite (Barnea). 9.15 Herzl anniversary. 9.45 Hebrew Songs presented by Efraim Dizahav. 10.30 Elections Campaign. 11.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
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English News: 1.45 10 p.m.
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Bezalel Art School Graduates 10

A large, sun-flooded studio in the Bezalel Art School in Jerusalem housed two ceremonies last week, the 16th graduation exercises of the School and the dedication of a new storey which was presented in the name of Mr. Simon Mirelman, of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Of the ten graduating students, four received diplomas in graphic (commercial) art; three in metal work and three in weaving and embroidery. The School has 113 students.

The diplomas and 18 awards for excellence in various fields of art were presented by Dr. A. Granott, Chairman of the School's Management Committee.

The prizes were donated by the National Insurance Institute and the Postal Bank for outstanding posters by several students, and by the S.B. Sonnenborn Fund in the U.S. for art and crafts work having some connection with Jewish ritual. In addition, five students shared a IL-1,000 prize, donated by Mr. Sol Hurok, the New York impresario, for advanced art study. Dr. Granott announced the presentation of a IL500 annual award by Mr. Mirelman.

TECHNION ESTABLISHING METALLURGY DEPT

HAIFA, Saturday. — With the approval of a two-year grant from the U.S. Operations Mission, the Technion is now establishing the basic framework for a complete Department of Metallurgy, with facilities for both training and research in the ore dressing and metals industries.

When plans have been completed, curriculum prepared and staff trained, the Department of Metallurgy will be provided with quarters of its own at Technion City. The building project is being supported by the Technion Society of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Temporary quarters have in the meantime been made available in the Aeronautical Engineering Building.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM

At 3.30, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.
ARNON: "Las Tres Perfectas Casadas." EDEN: The Long, Long Trailer. Also today at 10.30 a.m. EDISON: The Harlem Boys. OHOLI: Riot in Cell Block 11, 2nd week. ORNA: The Million Pound Note, 2nd week. ORION: Broken Lance. RON: King Richard and the Crusaders, 2nd week. STUDIO: "Joux Interdits," 4th week. TEL OR: Second Chance, 2nd week. ZION HALL: "Villa Borghese."

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At 4, 7.30 and 9.30 p.m.
ALLENBY: What Price Glory. CHEN: Sabrina, 6th week. ESTHER: The Student Prince. MOGRABI: The Command. OPHIR: "Avant le Deluge," 2nd week. ORION: Raiders of the Seven Seas. RAMAH: Bitter Rice, 2nd week. Also continuous from 9.45 a.m. to 5.45 p.m. YARON: All the Brothers were Valiant, 2nd week. ZAMIR: My Foolish Heart. Continuous from 10 a.m.: Sons of Musketeers.

HAIFA

AMPHITHEATRE: Black Widow. ORAH: "La Grande Speranza." ARMON: "Persiane Chiuse." ORLY: Roman Holiday. EN DOR: Small Town Girl. OHION: The Gipsy Queen. ATZMON: Knights of the Round Table, 3rd week. PEER: "Tormento," 2nd week. GAL OR: Adventures of Tom Sawyer. Matinee: Sierra.

Religious Services

St. Paul's Church (Mussrara Qr.): E.S. 7 p.m. H.C. as announced. Preacher: Canon H.R.A. Jones (Tel. 3713).

St. Andrew's Church (Scots Memorial) M. S. 10 a.m. Vesper service united with Y.M.C.A. at 6.30 p.m.

Combined Evangelical Services (Y.M.C.A. Lecture Hall): 7.30 p.m. All Welcome.

Catholic: 6 a.m. German Hospice Chapel Languages: German, Italian, English, French, 7 a.m. Terra Sancta Chapel, Languages: English, French, German, Italian: St. Pierre de Sion (Rattisbonne). Languages: French, Arabic, English, German, Hungarian, Hebrew, Portuguese: 8 a.m. Jesuits Chapel (near King David Hotel): Languages: French, Polish, English, Italian, German; 9 a.m. Pierre de Sion. 10 a.m. Terra Sancta College.

Notre Dame de France (St. Paul's St.): M.S. 8 a.m. Languages: French, English, German, Italian.

American Gospel Church (Prophets St. near Bikur Holim): Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Mid-week Prayers: Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. Minister: M.G. Griebenow.

Y.M.C.A. Christian Fellowship Vesper Service. 6.30 p.m. All welcome.

Brethren (Y.M.C.A., Room 119): Breaking of Bread, 10.30 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene (St. Julian's Way): E.S. 7.30 p.m.

Bible Evangelical Mission (Pentecostal), Hovevei Zion St., first house: Sunday, 11 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. (Rev. J.W. Foster)

Jerusalem Baptist Congregation (Opp. Gan Rehavia). Wednesday: Bible reading & Prayer, 8 p.m. Friday: E.S. 6 p.m. Saturday: Bible Study 10 p.m.

Seventh Day Adventists (Rehov Abraham Lincoln near Y.M.C.A.): 9.30 a.m. Sabbath School; 10.45 a.m. Preaching & Worship; 4 p.m. Bible class.

Jehovah's Witnesses: Bible Study 7.30 p.m. 16/4 Moria St., Beka'a: Tuesday: 6.30 p.m.

TEL AVIV & JAFFA

Anglican Church (Episcopal) in the Church of the former German Colony (cc 19 Eilat St.): H.C. 7 a.m. M.S. 10 a.m. Evening Service 7 p.m. Preacher: Rev. R.G. Allison, P.O.B.2773, Tel Aviv.

Church of Scotland (St. Peter's) Jaffa M.S. 10 a.m. E.S. 7 p.m.

St. Peter's Church (Catholic), Jaffa Port: 7 a.m. Weekdays 6 p.m. Languages: French, Italian, Spanish.

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DISTRICT COURT OF HAIFA

P.B. 188/55.

In the matter of the late Faraguila Ismaili Mashadi of India, deceased on October 11, 1939.

Petitioner: David Ismaili Mashadi of Herzlia, represented by Murray M. Friedman, Advocate of 23 Rehov Lilienblum, Tel Aviv.

Summons — Let all persons take notice that the Petitioner has applied to the District Court of Haifa for an order declaring the succession of the late Faraguila Ismail Mashadi and that the said application will be heard on July 18, 1955 at 10.15 a.m.

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Marriage and Family Life Tour

By MALKA RABINOWITZ

When the editor assigned me to interview a group of Americans travelling under the name of the Marriage and Family Life Study Tour, I suggested that he send someone better acquainted with these institutions. Nevertheless he sent me and I went to the Salvia Hotel one quiet Jerusalem evening to talk to Professor M. F. Nimkoff, Chairman of the Department of Sociology at Florida State University, author of "Marriage and the Family," "The Child," "Technology and the Changing Family," and leader of the tour.

"We've had a very busy day," Professor Nimkoff, a slim, pleasant looking man, told me in greeting. "Beri Locker (Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive) spoke to us this morning and he was marvellous. We've met very fine types of persons here — I don't know if they're selective examples, but we've been very much impressed."

The group left New York on June 20 and has since visited Paris, Rome and Cairo. After Israel, it will continue to Athens, Istanbul, Yugoslavia, Venice, Florence and Milan. I asked Professor Nimkoff why nine days were being allocated to Israel in contrast to the three or four in other countries. "It's because this country has a highly developed system of social services," he explained. "Israel is doing more for its population than any other country on our itinerary."

Marriage Guidance

How was marriage and family life doing in the countries already visited? "In Cairo, we had a very good exposure to the problem of family relations. The big problem there is overpopulation. As far as I know there is no programme of family or marriage guidance."

Birth control is prohibited in Italy, he said. It is prohibited in France, too, but practised nevertheless. As to divorce, there is none in Italy but a good deal in France.

The group has visited Ma'ale Hahamisha and found Kibbutz family life interesting. While Professor Nimkoff would pass no judgments on the kibbutz social system, he thought that the separate accommodation of children made it "possible for the parents to live with their children on the best possible terms."

Two men and 13 women are travelling with the tour. One of them is Mrs. Nimkoff, who is closely associated with her husband both in teaching and in counselling. In answer to my question, Professor Nimkoff said that three of the women are widows, five are married and five single. Almost all 15 are college professors — in such fields as sociology, home economics and religion. One of the group is Director of the Planned Parenthood Organization.

A subsequent talk with the group's guide (provided by Patra) revealed that the visitors were indefatigable. They have toured the country up and down, spoken to representatives of the Histadrut, the Ministries of Education and Foreign Affairs, and health and social welfare institutions. They have met the Marriage Council in Tel Aviv and visited private families. "They're interested in just about everything," the guide declared proudly.

I glanced through the future itinerary of the group and noticed that it includes "hours for shopping in the vast and fascinating Bazaar" of Istanbul and "an evening gondola ride" in Venice. It all comes into marriage and family life, after all.

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Beersheba	46	18	39	32
Sdom	—	—	—	40
Eilat	7	25	41	41

*A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today

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THE CORNERSTONE of what will be the country's second cotton ginning factory was laid in Kiryat Gat, Rehovot, on Friday. The Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Yosef Ephrati, and Mr. Sam Hamburg, spoke at the ceremony. The factory is expected to start operation in September.

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THE DAN BUS company is today opening a new service to the Tel Baruch bathing beach, from Petah Tikva, Ramat Gan, Givat-ayim and the districts north of the Yarkon.

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THREE PERSONS, Israel Blick, 48, his wife, Miriam, 33, and their son Moshe, 5, of Haifa, were on Friday admitted to the Rambam Hospital, Haifa, with stomach poisoning after eating rice. All three were reported out of danger last night.

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WHEN TRYING to cross the border into Jordan, near the Jaffa Gate, on Friday morning, Moshe Ben-David Yazdi was stopped by the Israel police. He has been detained for questioning.

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A SYMPOSIUM on "The Utilization of Solar Energy" will take place today under the joint auspices of the Hebrew University and the Israel Research Council at 10.45 a.m. in Room 4, Faculty of Science Building, 39 Mamillah Road, Jerusalem, and will continue until 6 p.m. with a break between 1 and 3 p.m.

Settlements Saved From Galilee Fire

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SAFAD, Saturday. — Hundreds of persons spent the afternoon and evening fighting a fire that spread rapidly in the hilly district near the Acre-Safad highway yesterday, and threatened to engulf several settlements.

Passing the Gardosh farm, near Parod, the flames swept up and down the hillside towards the settlement of Kfar Shamai and along Wadi Limun, charring trees in J.N.F. forests and burning the roofs of eight unoccupied houses owned by the J.N.F. at Parod.

Safad police were first on the spot and alarmed Army units, soil conservation, J.N.F. and Afforestation Department personnel, neighbourhood settlers; three fire engines and an ambulance came from Tiberias, Nahariya, and Kiryat Shmona. Passengers of cars passing on the highway were pressed into the fire-fighting. By midnight the flames were put out, but a guard was posted to prevent it from reviving.

HIKERS' DEFENCE

Three young hikers were arrested in the Jerusalem Corridor on Thursday morning for having in their possession a hand grenade. The two boys and a girl claimed that it was for self-defence against infiltrators. The girl, Rachel Tal, of Tel Aviv, was released in personal bail by Jerusalem Magistrate Y. Barak. The two boys remained in custody.

DENY WARDS CLOSED

The Ministry of Health yesterday denied reports that some wards in Government hospitals had been closed due to an intensification of the Government Physicians' partial strike.

Ilim had reported the closure of wards in the Dorcio Hospital in Jaffa, the Zahalon in Tel Aviv and the Assaf Harofeh in Sarafand.

Opening Shots in Capital's Election

Jerusalem Post Staff

The opening shots of the Jerusalem Municipal election campaign were fired yesterday morning by the various parties. Attendance at these meetings was fair.

At the Mapai meeting at the Orna Cinema, there were some 600 listeners, at the Progressive meeting at the Orion 450, at the other meetings they varied from 50 to 300. At the Orion, Mr. P. Rosen, Minister of Justice, said that the General Zionists were at the Cabinet Meeting on June 26 when the Government decided to appeal the Greenwald-Kastner case. The General Zionists raised no objection at that meeting, yet did not, as an after-thought, hesitate to create a Government crisis. The Kastner case proved again the complete independence of the courts, Mr. Rosen also said that Israel wanted friendship with the neighbouring countries.

Mr. M. Kol, member of the Jewish Agency Executive, said at the same meeting that the establishment of a State Labour Exchange would be a condition of the Progressive Party's joining the new Government.

At the Orna Cinema, Mr. G. Agron, Mapai candidate for the Jerusalem Mayoralty, Mr P. Rashish, Mapai Mayor of Petah Tikva, and Mr. M. Friedman, former Jerusalem Councillor, were the speakers. Mr. Mizrahi, another ex-Councillor, presided. Mr. Agron said that everyone knew what was needed to be done for Jerusalem's revival; the question was which party had the vision and the means to bring this about. But first of all there should be common agreement as to what Jerusalem did not require.

Jerusalem should avoid at all costs a Municipal coalition whose sole object was (like that of the anti-labour coalition in the dismissed Municipal Council) to deprive Mapai and the other Labour Councillors of their due share in the administration.

No Room for Sentiment

Addressing himself to the non-party members of the audience, Mr. Agron said politics was not a matter of sentiment. It was a grim and serious business by which life-and-death questions were decided. It was no good giving votes to small parties on "underdog" grounds of sentimentality merely because they needed these votes more than strong parties. The voter must get rid of the phobia which has taken possession of people in this country about "bigness." There was nothing wrong with being big; only dwarfs followed other dwarfs. The votes should go to the party which has shown its capacity and maturity in government, Mr. Agron declared.

The speaker cited the blitz Cabinet crisis and Mr. Sharett's blitz solution of it because the Premier had been able to count on a sufficient number in the Knesset to form an ad hoc Government. A vote for a small party which had no chance of coming to power is a wasted vote; an adequate return for Mapai would help to end the paradox of a party too strong to be left out, and yet not strong enough by itself to make a stable government.

Mr. P. Rashish eloquently underlined the comparison of Petah Tikva with Jerusalem in the way the General Zionists, the Religious splinter parties and Herut succeeded in Jerusalem in their plans of ruling the City, while failing in Petah Tikva. He compared their failure in Jerusalem, with the workers' achievements in Petah Tikva in the last four-and-a-half years.

In Petah Tikva, Mr. Rashish stated, hospitals, schools, and public buildings were the order of the day; taxes were collected on a progressive scale, and this in spite of "sabotage" from the former General Zionist Minister of Interior, Mr. I. Rokach. The Religious factions have now realised that a Workers Municipality considers their religious interests in Petah Tikva, and they should realize that also in Jerusalem a Labour Coalition could be trusted. Mr. Rashish ended by saying that a stable Government needs the support of stable municipalities.

Mr. D. Auster, Progressive candidate for the Mayoralty, and a former Mayor, speaking in Talpiot, dwelt on the inefficiency of the dismissed Municipality, and sketched the necessary improvements to revive the city.

Speaking at the Orion Cinema on Friday night, Mr. R. Shari M.K. (Mapai), a former Jerusalem Councillor, said that facts show that Mapai should continue to lead the Government, and given a chance in the Jerusalem Municipality where the last coalition failed.

Mr. Z. Shragai and Mr. I. Kariv, former Mayors of Jerusalem, speaking at the Orgil Cinema this morning, blamed Herut and the General Zionists, past partners of the coalition, for the Municipality's breakdown. They insisted that cooperation with the Mizrachi-HaPoel HaMizrachi parties was essential to any successful coalition.

The 11 major political parties in Jerusalem last week signed an agreement to "respect each other" in electioneering for the Knesset and Municipality.

The parties agreed not to paste posters over those of other parties, not to deface, disfigure, and sabotage them, nor to cause disturbances at the political rallies of other parties.

Mikunis Announces His Treatment

NATANYA, Saturday. — The Secretary of the local branch of Mapam was assaulted after consistently heckling at a Communist rally here addressed by Mr. S. Mikunis, M.K. When the chairman apologized for the incident, Mr. Mikunis begged to differ, saying "that's the treatment for interrupters!"

High Court Busy With Lists Appeals

The Likud list in Hadera, which had been invalidated by the local municipal elections official, was approved by the High Court on Friday in response to an appeal made by the party's representative, Mr. Haim Yitzhaki. Forgeries had been discovered amongst the signatures supporting the list, but after it had been shown that more than the 200 signatures needed remained after subtracting the "mistakes," the Deputy State Attorney, Y. Bar-Or, agreed to the granting of an order nisi against the Elections Committee clerk calling on him to show cause why he should not validate the list.

The Court rejected the appeal submitted by Mr. Nahum Rahmani to approve the use of the letter "Bet" as the symbol of the All Community Religious list in the Local Council elections in Kiryat Ono. The clerk of the Elections Committee had refused to approve the choice on the grounds that it was the letter generally used to designate "The National Religious Front" list, although Mr. Rahmani claimed that the Mizrahi and Hapoel Hamizrahi parties were included in the list and that there had been no attempt to deceive. The Court decided that the approval of letters to designate the different parties is at the discretion of the elections clerk.

An order nisi to the "Samech-Tzadi" list in Natanya against the Natanya elections clerk and the Chairman of the Elections Committee was granted following the disqualification of the list on the grounds that the signatures collected for the "Tzadi" list were different from those on the joint list.

The Court was composed of Justices Silberg, Goitein and Witkon.

Naphtali, Becker On Professionals' Pay

KFAR SABA, Saturday. — Mr. Peretz Naphtali, Minister of Agriculture and of Commerce and Industry, told members of the free professions at the Beri Katznelson Institute, near here, today that although Mapai recognised the necessity for higher pay rates for professional workers, this was only because of prevailing circumstances and that it was a matter of party principle.

He said that Mapai did not visualize a perfect society where every worker received the same rate of pay, but a situation where the difference between the minimum and maximum rates was small.

Mr. Aharon Becker, Head of the Histadrut Trade Union Department, claimed at the same meeting that one of the factors which contributed greatly to economic stability was the Histadrut wage policy.

Mr Becker claimed that Mapai was the only party which was consistent in its attitude to wage increases. Until the election campaign began, Haoved Hazioni had set itself up as the champion of the professionals and had demanded higher salary rates on their behalf. This tune had changed recently, and now the Progressives were demanding wage increases for all workers. On the other hand, Mapam, which demanded equality for all workers, had recently become the champion of "higher salaries for professionals only" policy.

At a Mapai-sponsored meeting of professionals in Tel Aviv last night, Dr. Ra'anan Weitz, Deputy Director of the Jewish Agency Settlement Department, said that the planning of self-contained agricultural areas like Lachish was looked upon by people of some parties as a political stunt or merely a dream.

He said that five years ago, the scheme for taking the waters of the Yarkon to irrigate the Negev was also described as a dream, and this month the dream was coming true with the inauguration of the first stages of the plan.

Myerson Assails Leftists' 'Hypocrisy'

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Mrs. Golda Myerson, the Minister of Labour, and Mapai candidate for Mayor, challenged the parties who promise the workers higher wages and less work, while at the same time condemning foreign aid, to find some other way of finding money for security, development and the absorption of immigration. At a Mapai rally here last night, she also asked why none of these parties had presented the voters with a comprehensive political programme.

"I defy the representatives of any *kibbutz* belonging to these parties, who so bitterly opposed the German Reparations agreement and the U.S. grant-in-aid, to prove that his *kibbutz* refused to benefit from this "tainted money," Mrs. Myerson declared.

Mapai had never promised the worker a life of ease, and it now asked him to join the party in further intense efforts to reach the goal of economic independence.

She claimed that nothing had been done in Tel Aviv-Jaffa about slum quarters and promised that, if given the chance, Mapai would change the aspect of these neglected suburbs and that all residents of the city would benefit equally from its administration.

In Givatayim, last night, Mrs. Myerson said that had the Government taken the economic advice of Mr. Bernstein, former Minister of Commerce and Industry, there would be virtual hunger in this country."

She said that Mapai would seek to govern in coalition with other parties, "even if we win the support of the majority of the electorate."

Alon Urges Force 'At Right Time'

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Members of the border *kibbutzim*, Revivim, Kisufim, Netiv Ha-lamed Heh and representatives of a group in Eilat, were among the speakers at an overflow "Fighters and Settlers" rally held by Ahdut Ha'avoda in the Gan Rona cinema last night. One of them declared that "the struggle against Government departments is as hard as that against the desert."

The chief speaker, Mr. Yigal Alon, devoted most of his lively and long address to the security situation. The country never expected that, seven years after victory, the security situation would still be grave, he declared. "We never agreed to the signing of armistice agreements instead of peace treaties."

The Government is deluding the people by suggesting that peace could be won without bloodshed, he said. Whoever knows the mentality of the Arab powers, knows that strength, and not words, must be used. The use of force at the right time and place will stop the loss of life on the borders and will postpone, perhaps for ever, a second round, Mr. Alon declared.

Neighbours Fined After Fight Over Lavatory

For failing to clean a shared lavatory for six months following a quarrel, two neighbours of the Baka quarter of Jerusalem, Mrs. Tova Simcovitch and Mrs. Esther Goldstein, were last week fined IL.20 and IL.35, respectively, by Municipal Magistrate Meir Murciano.

They were found guilty of neglecting the lavatory to such an extent that it "became a menace to health."

DECENT ELECTIONS AGREEMENT

At the invitation of the Chairman of the Central Elections Committee for the Third Knesset, Supreme Court Justice, Dr. S. Agranat, representatives of all parties and civic groups whose lists appear in the elections for the Third Knesset met on July 6, 1955 to discuss the problems of the approaching elections. This meeting unanimously resolved to approach the electorate and those engaged in the campaign to do their best to prevent disturbances at electioneering meetings. We appeal with a warning to the voting public and to the active workers not unnecessarily to disturb regular meetings and to avert their marring of the election campaign by acts of violence.

Those who heckle speakers and cause disorders and confusion, or who remove, ruin, or deface political advertisements, or who destroy or conceal electioneering material and who use or threaten economic pressure on the voters or on members of parties and workers, are not only liable to severe punishment, but also undermine the foundations of the authority of a democratic state and profane the name of the faction or the list in whose name they are working. It is a public and ethical duty for everyone to refrain and prevent such activities. The public is asked to display tolerance and to condemn all pressure and aggressive tactics.

א — Mapai
ב — Hapoel Hamizrahi-Hamizrahi
ג — Agudat Yisrael-Poalei Agudat Yisrael
ד — Herut
ה — Democratic Israel Arabs
ו — Elderly Workers Association
ז — Sons of Torah — Religious Front
ח — Yemenite Federation
ט — Hapoel
י — Progress and Work Ministries
כ — Sephardi and Oriental Jews
ל — Agriculture and Development Ministries
מ — Progressives
נ — General Zionists
ס — Central Arab Ministries
ע — Mahi
פ — New Immigrant Front
צ — Likud Popular Economic Movement
ק — Ahdut Ha'avoda-Poalei Zion

T.A. Betar Wins Ginsburg Cup

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Tel Aviv Betar won the Dov Ginsburg Soccer Cup by beating Jerusalem Betar 5:3 in a fast and interesting game at the Hapoel ground in Jaffa today. At half-time the capital's side was leading 2:1.

Goals for the winners were netted by Behol (2), Elmaliah, Clyg and Huli, while Hanania, Federman and Ashkenazi scored for Jerusalem Betar.

In Rehovot, today, David Kusher of kibbutz Jezreel, broke his own long-jump record when he jumped 7 metres 0.8 in a light athletic contest.

Two new records were established in a Maccabi swimming meet also held in Rehovot today. G. Naft of Brit Maccabi Atid won the 100 metre breast event in 1 minute 12.9 seconds. Miss D. Shirtzel, of the same club, won the women's race over this distance in 1 minute 37.0 seconds.

Basketball Results

Ashdot Ya'acov Hapoel 112; Jerusalem Hapoel 71. Haifa Hapoel 62; Maccabi Hatzafon 46.

"GALIM" WINS NAVY VOLLEYBALL CUP

HAIFA, Saturday. — The Galim Squadron today won the Navy's volleyball championship, after defeating the Torpedo Squadron in two sets of games, and was awarded the Navy Commanders' Trophy. Eight squadrons took part in the contest.

MILAN BEATS DYNAMOS

MOSCOW, Saturday (Reuter). — The Italian champions, Milan, caused a major soccer upset here on Thursday when they defeated the local Dynamos, 4:2.

20 'SCARE BOMBS' IN SOLDIER'S HOME

HAIFA, Saturday. — Following the explosion of a scare bomb in Rehov Akiba, in Upper Hadar Hacarmel, on Thursday night, a search of the home of Shmuel Klempner, a 19-year-old soldier, revealed another 20 such bombs, thought to have been stolen from Army stores.

On the basis of eyewitness reports, four youths including one other soldier, were arrested a few hours after the explosion. No one was injured and no damage was caused.

As the detonation occurred near the home of Mr. S. Bialik, a senior Municipal officer, police thought it possible, but not certain, that the demonstration was aimed against him. A senior officer thought it was the feat of juvenile pranksters.

Whatever the motive, the four are to be tried for causing a public nuisance, the two soldiers probably by court martial.

'Hula Lands Will Start Producing in One Year'

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Farming of the Hula reclaimed lands calls for entirely new methods of cultivation, Mr. John Zuckerman, a Californian 4,000-acre peat-land farmer now visiting Israel at the invitation of the Ministry of Agriculture, told *The Jerusalem Post* here.

Known as the "Potato King of California," Mr. Zuckerman said that in about a year from now "production would begin in the Hula." The area would need equipment, methods and "thinking" he said, adding that it would have to be farmed in big sections and not parcelled up. Anything would grow there except frost and other trees, he said.

Mr. A. Amir, Director of the Ministry of Agriculture, who was present at the interview, termed as complete nonsense press reports that the Government is considering handing over the Hula lands to "foreign investors."

Ben-Gurion Appeals For Change in Moral Climate

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA Saturday. — It was unbelievable that this country could not muster 300 young men and women capable of teaching new villagers, the Minister of Defence, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, told a national meeting of New Settlers held here this morning. What he had heard about the "so-called teachers" who were called upon to educate the generation of new settlers made him "blush with shame. It is not easy for an Israeli to be proud of his teachers, doctors or nurses."

Mr. Ben-Gurion proposed that the young men and women of the Bnei Moshavim movement work towards two goals. The bringing of new settlers for economic security and the changing of the "moral climate" of the country. Both were necessary for the people to be able to withstand trials such as the war of independence, should they repeat themselves.

The Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Dayan, speaking in a private capacity (he is a native of Moshav Nahalal), called on members of Bnei Moshavim not to return home after their first year in the Negev.

Some 330 young men and women were engaged in the Bnei Moshavim scheme of instructing new immigrants in settlements, Mr. Assa Yofi said.

Speakers at the rally complained that poor agricultural planning caused crops to be spoiled because of lack of markets near the villages, as it proved un-economic to take potatoes, sugar beet and other crops a long way north.

Herzl's 'Yahrzeit' Ceremony Tonight

As Army guard of honour and representatives of various youth movements will participate in a ceremony marking the 51st anniversary of the death of Theodor Herzl, at 7 o'clock this evening on Mt. Herzl. The ceremony, under the auspices of the World Zionist Organisation, will open with the raising of the flag and the reading of a message from President Ben-Zvi and will be followed by recitations from the Works of Herzl and the Psalms and will conclude with the *Hatikvah*.

The Jewish National Fund has announced the acquisition of six of Herzl's chairs. The chairs, which have now been placed in the Herzl Room in Jerusalem, have passed through many hands in the last 30 years. Their last owner, Dr. Wolf Gutman of Haifa, brought them from Vienna in 1938, and at the J.N.F.'s suggestion he willingly donated them to the Herzl Room.

A special postmark commemorating the anniversary will be put into use today at the main Post Office in Jerusalem.

ELIEZER KAPLAN MEMORIAL

At six o'clock this evening, friends of Eliezer Kaplan, the late Deputy Prime Minister and first Minister of Finance will gather at his grave, on Mt. Herzl, for a memorial Service to mark the third anniversary of his death.

HARRIMAN IN BRITAIN PRIOR TO VISIT HERE

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — Mr. Averill Harriman, Governor of New York, arrived here today on a three-week visit to Europe and Israel.

After his eight-day stay in Britain he goes on to Israel, where, he said "We have about 25 people helping with agriculture, fishery and other problems."

Birth Control to Cut Shipbuilding Costs

TOKYO, Saturday (Reuter). — A shipbuilding firm is planning to cut production costs — by encouraging birth control among its workers.

The Hitachi Shipbuilding company, which pays out 90m. Yen (about 460,000) a year in family allowances, believes birth control would cut the wages bill by 10m. Yen. Its workers have an average of 2.32 children each — the highest average of any Japanese company of similar size.

Cables in Brief

STRIKE. — Members of the Christian Trade Union, Belgium's second largest, yesterday began the first of their Saturday strikes throughout the country for a five-day working week and a minimum wage of the equivalent of 700 pruta an hour.

EDUCATION. — The Council of the International Bureau of Education yesterday unanimously approved the admission of the Soviet Union, White Russia and the Ukraine, to membership.

REWARDS. — The U.S. Senate has adopted and sent to President Eisenhower a bill offering rewards of up to $500,000 to any person who furnished "original" information to the Government on the illegal manufacture or importation of nuclear weapons.

LUFTHANSA. — The West German Lufthansa has announced plans to start air services from Germany to South America and the Middle East next year. The new services would begin when the airline gets four new Super-Constellation aircraft.

AUSTERITY. — South Korean legislators unanimously agreed to wear short-sleeve shirts without ties instead of business suits to the National Assembly to encourage austerity.

SPEED. — The head of the Bell Aircraft Corporation, Mr. Lawrence D. Bell, predicted in Buffalo, New York, that aircraft within the next two decades would operate at speeds of 11,000 to 22,000 kms. per hour at altitudes up to 80 kms.

EVACUATION. — Six hundred persons were evacuated from three villages in the Burdwan district of West Bengal as river flood levels threatened to rise.

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PAKISTAN'S belated accession to the Turco-Iraqi defence alliance, in which Britain is a partner since April, indicates that Western plans to line up the "Northern Tier" along the Soviet Union's "soft underbelly" have not been abandoned, despite Egyptian and Syrian opposition. Progress has been no doubt slower than originally envisaged, but this is due to a variety of factors other than the serious dissension which the Turco-Iraqi pact created in the Arab camp which, at least to some extent, must have been anticipated. One of these has been the absence of political stability in Pakistan which is at present taking the first cautious steps to restore parliamentary life in the country after a period of "paternal" military dictatorship. Another is the continuing uncertainty of Iran's position. Last, but not least, there appear to have been serious second thoughts in Washington itself as to the desirability of arming the Arab states and thus assuming responsibility for their embarrassing insistence that, as far as they are concerned, the enemy continues to be Israel. This open hostility towards Israel, of which the latest manifestation has been the series of aggressions along the Gaza border seem to have prompted at least a temporary reevaluation of the "Northern Tier," and for the time being efforts to draw the Arab Bloc into a general Middle East defence system seem to have been shelved.

MIDDLE EAST DEFENCE

Pakistan's adherence to the alliance, at least on paper, has now consolidated the eastern terminal of the crescent, but it is still not clear whether Iran is able or willing to fill in the rather enormous strategic gap in the defence line represented by nearly 2,000 kilometres of common frontier with the U.S.S.R. The 20 months since the overthrow of the Mossadegh regime have witnessed a rapid improvement of the country relations with the West, highlighted by the Shah's recent visit to Britain and America, but in general Iranian foreign policy continues to be a delicate balance between East and West. The U.S. Foreign Operations Administration has allocated approximately $127m. for Iran this year, of which $85m. are in loans and $42 in grants. In addition, several American military missions are active in the country, providing training for the army and gendarmerie, advising on defence measures and bringing the weapons up to date. On the other hand, Iran has recently concluded an agreement with the Soviet Union under which the latter is to return 11 tons of gold and $8m., constituting the Russian war debt to Iran, while Moscow has also agreed to review the border between the two countries, sections of which have been in dispute for nearly a century.

Iran has not succeeded, however, in obtaining a revision of the 1921 Soviet-Iranian treaty, which continues to dominate and hamstring her foreign defence commitments. Article Six of the treaty stipulates that "if a third party" should attempt to carry out a policy of usurpation by means of armed intervention in Iran, "or if such a power should desire to use Persian territory as a base of operations against the Soviet, or if a foreign power should threaten the frontiers of the Soviet... the Soviet shall have to advance her troops into the Iranian interior for the purpose of carrying out military operations necessary for its defence." The U.S.S.R. last invoked Article Six in August, 1941, with British approval and cooperation, when Soviet and British troops occupied Iran to put an end to the activities of Nazi agents. Whatever her inclinations, Iran is not expected lightly to dismiss the implications of this Article.

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THEODOR HERZL'S POLICE RECORD

By JOSEF FRAENKEL

The 51st anniversary of Herzl's death is being commemorated today.

IN October 1891 Theodor Herzl, while on a visit to Spain, received a telegraphic invitation to go to Paris for the "Neue Freie Presse," and he arrived there the same month.

Paris was a restless city in those days. The eyes of the whole world were turned on it. There was the Panama scandal, the anarchist outrages, growing anti-Semitism and the Dreyfus Affair. Herzl felt this revolutionary storm as he sat in the press gallery of the Palais Bourbon and watched how France was governed. Soon he became known as the best correspondent of the "Neue Freie Presse." His articles read like scenes from a drama, his political surveys like essays.

The Palais Bourbon was his political training school. It was here that he learned about the life of the state, about social problems, constitutions, all of which he afterwards embodied in his "Judenstaat." He also gathered parliamentary experience which was later to be of such use to him in leading the Zionist Organisation and conducting the Zionist Congresses.

And all the time he studied anti-Semitism. In Vienna he had read the anti-Semitic works of Eugen von Duehring and in Paris the books of Edouard Drumont. He had now changed his attitude towards anti-Semitism, — he felt stronger. Anti-Semitism could not be defeated with speeches and committees. Racial hatred was growing. What could be done? He compared the societies formed to fight anti-Semitism to the futile leagues for peace, and concluded that the discovery of a terrible explosive was a greater incentive to work for peace, than a thousand mild apostles and societies...

Herzl regretted in later years that he had not started a diary immediately upon his arrival in Paris. He knew everyone. Jean Jaures, Barthou, Poincare, who — as Herzl thought — "would become President of the Cabinet," Leon Bourgeois, the "man who committed no follies," and Georges Clemenceau, who "cannot praise." He had a great admiration for Clemenceau, whom he considered the greatest man in the French Parliament. And the "Tiger," many years later, called Herzl a genius, such as appears only once in several generations, like Socrates, Washington or Zola. Herzl was once present at a stormy debate between Jaures and Barthou, followed by a duel with pistols. He sent reports which often filled pages of the "Neue Freie Presse." Nothing was glossed over or distorted. Paul Painlevé called Herzl "a great friend of France," — and he was. But that did not prevent him from criticizing, particularly the army officers, who were affected by anti-Semitism.

His journalistic activity was such that the French authorities became suspicious, and after this Herzl never went anywhere without a "shadow," a police officer, to check on his movements.

I have found in the archives of the French Police-Prefecture (Deed No. 92,909) about 20 documents, all concerning the "Neue Freie Presse" correspondent Herzl, before he had published the "Judenstaat," and before he had founded the Zionist Organisation. The Premier and the Minister of the Interior had asked for information from the Chief of the Police "about a

certain Herzl," who sends "disquieting telegrams to the address Etienne, Vienna." The Police then discovered that Herzl had omitted to register his address with the police. Later, however, this was cleared up. Then a note was received, giving the impression that Herzl was a "suspect member" of the Foreign Press Association.

On February 1, 1893, the Commissioner of Police received the following letter, signed by the Premier and the Minister of Interior:

We would ask you to give us details regarding a certain Herzl, residing in Paris, rue de Monceau, 8. He sends disquieting telegrams to Vienna to the address: Etienne, Vienna.

The Police Documents

The following report (in translation from the French) was prepared by the Police Officer assigned to the Herzl case:

Paris, February 28, 1893.
The Republic of France,
Commissioner of Police,
Office of the Commissioner,
1. Enquiry Section,
1. Office.
No. P.P.H.
Information regarding Mr. Theodor Herzl, Austrian citizen, Reporter for the "Neue Freie Presse," Vienna.

REPORT

The said Theodor Herzl, Reporter for the "Neue Freie Presse" in Vienna, to whom the four enclosures relate, is about 34, and is thought to have been born in Vienna. He is married, and the father of two children.

He arrived in Paris in October 1891, presumably entered via Bordeaux, and seems to have considerable means at his disposal.

Before coming to Paris, Herzl had published several articles in Viennese newspapers about Lucien Descaves' book "Sous-Offs" ("Sub-Lieutenants"). In these articles he declared that the author of this book had not exaggerated in his description of the French Army, and that the Triple Alliance would, therefore, have no cause for anxiety about the result of a war with our country.

We found further that Herzl declared one evening on returning home that he had paid more than 100 francs for the despatch of telegrams to his newspaper. These telegrams concerned a split which had just taken place in the Chamber of Deputies over the Egyptian affair.

He also apparently publishes literary chronicles in the Viennese newspaper.

We have every reason to believe that the cables which he sends to the address "Etienne, Vienna" are meant for the "Neue Freie Presse," as this newspaper had as its founder and chief editor a certain Mr. Etienne, who died in the year 1879, and who may have left a son who takes part, in one way or another, in the publication of the newspaper.

Herzl is little known in the quarter in which he lives. He is seldom visited. But on the other hand, his incoming correspondence is very great. This foreigner belongs to the Jewish faith. He sometimes has slight quarrels with his parents, who are very thrifty and who are said to reproach him for living too lavishly. The fact that he speaks finest French leads one to believe that he has not lived in his homeland for a long time now. One does not know whether he bears any enmity towards France. He has not complied with the decree of 2nd October, 1888, regarding foreigners living in France. His name does not figure in criminal records.

(signed) Angres,
The Police Officer.

There are several biographical inaccuracies in this report. Herzl was not at that time 36, but 33; he was not born in Vienna, but in Budapest. These errors were corrected in later documents.

Several other enquiries about Herzl were addressed to the Paris Commissioner of Police, and a statement was prepared about him, as follows:

Surname: Herzl
Christian Name: Theodor
Son of: Jacob and Jeanette Diamant
Born: 2nd May, 1860, in Budapest
Citizenship: Austrian
Married to: Julie Naschauer, born in Budapest on the 1st February, 1865
Children: Three. Pauline, born 4th March, 1890 in Vienna, Jean (Hans) on the 10th June, 1891, in Vienna, and Margarete (Trude) on the 20th May, 1892, in Paris.
Profession: Journalist
Present address: For the last two years at rue de Monceau, 8, at the yearly rental of 4,000 francs.
Social connections and political opinion: None
Reference to his integrity and character: Good
Documents: Austrian Passport issued to Vienna on the 15th June, 1889, No.38
Personal description:
Height: 5 ft. 9 in.
Colour of hair: Brown
Visible distinguishing marks: None
Any convictions: No
Military position in his country: Unknown
Does he receive letters from abroad: Yes, from his family and from the newspaper on which he works
Can he be regarded as a suspicious character: No
Association or Parties of which he is a member: None.

In February 1896, a letter addressed to Herzl was submitted to the Police. Mr. H. Ihman of Graz had read an article on Hermann Sudermann's "Fatherland" ("Heimat") by Herzl and he took the opportunity of writing a letter of admiration to Herzl.

Sudermann and Herzl were friends. They had met in Capri in the year 1887 and often had literary discussions. The naturalistic dramatist and novelist Sudermann had published several works. His plays were received very well by the public, but many critics reproached him for bringing "poison and frivolity into the pure spirit of the German people." Herzl was of a different opinion.

The Police ordered the immediate translation of this letter. The following is an extract from it:

. . . I have for a long time read your Paris articles with very great interest. I could say, ever since they began to appear in the "Neue Freie Presse." They are written in a wonderful and most unusual language, lucid, concise and rich in content, and show not only a most significant talent but also a manly independence of character. You do not court success but go straight to the point and see things as they are . . . Let us rejoice that there still is so brave and wise a man as you, in our degenerated business-minded journalistic world. In this spirit, I pay tribute to you and prophesy for you a great future.

There are two more notes in the "Herzl File" of the Paris Police Archives:

November 24, 1896
Herzl has finally left Paris. His place as correspondent on the "Neue Freie Presse" has been taken by Dr. Fritschauer.

Extract from "Figaro":

Theodor Herzl, the well-known writer, novelist and romantic, for seven years reporter for the Vienna "Neue Freie Presse" in Paris, leader of the Zionist Movement, died in Edlach, near Vienna, at the age of 44.

MUSICAL DIARY

Kol Yisrael Orchestra. Conductor: Moshe Badmor-Buchholz. Soloist: Shlomo Shoshani, violin with the Kol Zion Vocal Ensemble. (Y.M.C.A., July 5). B. Bergel: Divertimento for Orchestra; Amiram: Cantata (after a poem by Bialik); Mozart: Concerto for Violin and Orchestra in A-major, K. 219; Haydn: Symphony No. 96 in D-major.

FIVE years ago, when we first met Moshe Badmor, he was already a choir leader with a reputation and one of the chief musical exponents of the Kibbutz Hameuhad movement. Soon after, he left for the United States in order to complete his studies in the choral field and also to become acquainted with the technique of orchestral conducting. His *debut* over Kol Yisrael was proof of this side of his talent, and confirms our belief that the coming generation will not be without a young conductor of ability and a good musical background.

Israel music this time, however, was rather ill represented. The opening Divertimento, written in a pseudo-Stravinski manner, is like a cartoon lacking humour. Amiram's Cantata, *"Ahavat Moti,"* profanes the memory of Bialik. Nowhere does the music come anywhere near the poetic significance of the text.

Mr. Shoshani gave us an enjoyably youthful rendition of the Mozart Concerto, and the closing Symphony came through no less successfully, although the second and last movements might have been somewhat speedier.

Y. SARAI

Abroad

DUTCH music critics were unanimous in their warm praise of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, which gave two performances in Holland last week on the last leg of its European tour. Both were sold out well in advance. The first concert, at The Hague, was attended by the Dutch Premier, Dr. W. Drees, the Ministers of the Interior, Education and Arts, and Social Affairs, and by the Chairmen of the Senate and the Second Chamber.

Critics generally praised the excellently schooled and disciplined *ensemble* and the superior, glowing quality and timbre of its violins, against the rich background of celli and contrabassi. Of the wind instruments, the wood had a mild, warm sound; the horns were not so outstanding.

Several critics observed that the standard of the I.P.O. must be judged irrespective of the conductor, Paul Kletzki who had a tendency to dramatically overemphasize, and neglect the finer shades, especially in pianissimo. His conducting was sometimes too rigid and lacking in subtlety.

None had more than a few polite words for Kaminski's "Israel Sketches." They agreed that the work showed the hand of an expert instrumentalist, but it was unoriginal and eclectic. Rather than being typical of Israel, one critic observed, it was symbolic of the many wanderings of the Jewish people. *H. BOAS*

A correspondent, who is a tourist from Holland, writes to point out that Dr. F. Schocking, to whom the Orchestra presented the key of Tel Aviv last Monday, is the Burgomeister of The Hague, and not of Amsterdam.

Readers' Letters

GAZA TALKS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—The newspapers' editorials of today, dealing with the Gaza talks, surely express public opinion in Israel. That Egypt is trying by evasive tactics to defeat and thwart them is too transparent not to be perceived even by casual observers, and not to have taken even the Secretary General of the United Nations by surprise, and it is gratifying to learn that we are not a bit ruffled by them.

I must confess, however, that the initial steps in these talks are somewhat puzzling. Newspapers on June 30 report Mr. Tekoa, our chief representative at the talks, as saying, *inter alia*: "... We were told that the Egyptian representative possessed full authority to discuss and agree ..." In regard to all matters arising at the parley — or words to this effect. Were these talks held between representatives of states who, to put it mildly, are suspicious one of the other, without both ascertaining from original documents the scope of authority conferred on each of them by their respective Governments?

It seems surprising to me that General Burns should have agreed to hold these talks on behalf of the U.N., and quite astonishing that our representatives should have consented to participate in them under such circumstances. If the above report is correct, what is to prevent Egypt from repudiating any clause or all clauses in the settlement that may be reached (and it is hoped that the U.N. will find a way to achieve a settlement) as beyond the scope of the authority conferred on Col. Gohar, on this particular occasion?

Though the talks are held within the framework of the Armistice Agreement and at the decision of the Security Council, they are talks to which we attach special importance — we had wanted them to be high-level talks — and the delegates to these talks ought to produce their warrants of appointment for mutual inspection and for official notice of the U.N. Chief of Staff.

Yours, etc.
SOLOMON YAHUDA

Jerusalem, July 8.

JEWISH-ARAB RELATIONS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Topical conversation again in many circles here are the various aspects of Jewish-Arab relations. It is disturbing to find how little is known of the real issue and of the facts behind past and current events and how much has been forgotten.

Naturally, since 1948, arguments have been going on nearly all the time in the daily press, in news reports, in endless "letters to editors" etc. But I wonder whether there has ever been published an authoritative Israel Government White Paper, giving all the basic material and official documents, in a clear and concise way or whether any official account of the 1948 events concerning the Arab-Israel dispute has been followed up by any supplementary White Papers. Such official surveys, printed in many languages and offered at a popular price, are overdue.

I may, of course, be wrong and there may perhaps be some official White Papers available on that subject. However, it seems that official Israel propaganda has not yet reached its peak and that there is much scope for increased efforts on a considerable scale. There may, in addition, also be an urgent need to create an active Israel Ministry of Information.

Yours, etc.
J. RAPHAEL

London, June 7.

Friday's Press

'Rebbe' of Satmar Came to Incite

"ZMANIM" (Progressive) marvels at the State of Israel's tolerance to a sworn enemy of the State who has come from abroad with the express purpose of disguading the religious community from participating in the elections. The man in question is Rabbi Yoel Teitelbaum (the Satmar Rebbe) whose aim in coming here was openly admitted, bruited in the United States, on the way here and on his arrival. The paper traces the history of this personality and explains that what he has not dared to utter abroad against non-Jewish authorities, he has without flinching and with characteristic ghetto mentality permitted himself to say here.

The marvel of it, "Zmanim" goes on to say, is that the authorities have not only not escorted him out of the country but even placed a special train at his disposal when he arrived. Is this not ridiculous liberalism? "Hamodia" (World Agudа) prominently displays on Page One the replica of the letter signed by the Rabbi of Belz and the Rabbi of Gur calling upon the religious community to participate in the elections. It is its sacred duty to do so, the Rabbis declare.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) publishes a Party statement which warns the workers not to be taken in by the recent Mapai divorce from the General Zionists following the split on the Kastner issue. Without itself taking a stand, Mapam declares that the divorce is a temporary expedient and warns that unless the electorate is on the alert Mapai is apt to join hands again with the General Zionists. And that, declares the paper, augurs ill for the country and especially for the workers.

"Lamerhav" (Ahdut Ha'avoda) discusses the recent reports on the state of affairs in the Ministry of Defence, pointing out that the review involved the taxpayers' money. But the public "for security reasons" must necessarily be kept in the dark on the uses made of the Ministry's funds and, for that reason, the Ministry's activities should be kept under strict surveillance and control. While purporting not to be making an election issue of the case, the paper insists that the weakness must be exposed and that the Controller's recommendations, calling for higher efficiency and avoidance of duplication be carried out.

"Haboker" (General Zionists) delves into the past history of Mapai's proposed "percentage clause" and concludes that it is actually the opposite of what that Party has been angling for — the more the Opposing parties are split up among themselves, the greater Mapai's chances of retaining its hegemony. Mapai has invited Louis Lipsky to come here for no other reason than splitting up American Zionism too.

"Ha'aretz" (non-party) declares that we are labouring under an illusion. We have been telling ourselves that exports are rising and that on the whole we are well on the road to economic independence. Nothing could be further from the truth. Exports are low for the simple reason that local manufacturers are content with catering to the local market. We must look facts in the face, and a basic change will entail a miniature social revolution. Home manufactures alone, concludes "Ha'aretz," are not enough to save the situation.

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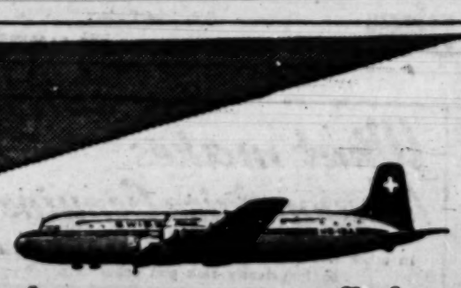

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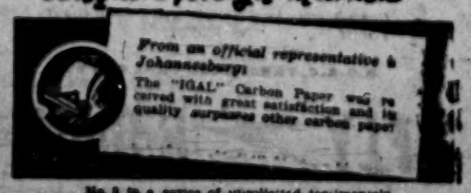

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